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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION

Case No. 4:16-CV-82-WTM-GRS

SOLOMAN OLUDAMISI AJIBADE and ADENIKE HANNAH AJIBADE,
as natural parents of Mathew Ajibade, and THE ESTATE
OF MATHEW AJIBADE and Chris Oladapo, its Executor,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOHN WILCHER, in his official capacity as Chatham
County Sheriff, et al.,

Defendants.

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF
DR. STACEY DESAMOURS

Decatur, Georgia

Friday, March 31, 2017

Court Reporter: Michelle M. Boudreaux, RPR

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10 Videotaped deposition of

11 DR. STACEY DESAMOURS, held at the Georgia

12 Bureau of Investigation, Medical Examiner's

13 Office, 3121 Panthersville Road, Decatur,

14 Georgia, pursuant to Agreement before

15 Michelle M. Boudreaux, a Registered

16 Professional Reporter in the State of

17 Georgia.

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1 flow to the heart, and that can predispose the heart to
2 ischemia, or lack of blood flow. And that, too, can
3 produce a cardiac arrhythmia.

4 So it's kind of a yin-yang response with
5 epinephrine with our -- with our adrenaline. And for
6 some people, with an exaggerated stress response, they
7 can die from that.

8 Q And are these the type of things that we
9 just -- that I just described in terms of being
10 restrained, having a spit mask over your head, being
11 unattended for an hour and a half, being -- suffering
12 those physical injuries, and being tased, all of those
13 things, are those the things that can cause that
14 particular release of catecholamines?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. And that's what your opinion is is
17 what happened in this particular case, correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And those particular things that I just
20 mentioned combined to ultimately cause a sudden cardiac
21 death of Mr. Ajibade, correct?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. And do you hold the opinions that I'm
24 asking you -- I should have phrased it to make sure,

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1 but all of the opinions that you've been giving here
2 today, have those been held by you to a reasonable
3 degree of medical probability?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Is this -- if someone is having what you just
6 described, the difficulty with the heart -- the heart
7 rate and heart -- the beating of the heart, could that
8 also give them the feeling of not being able to
9 breathe?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. Can you describe that, how that is?

12 A So the feeling of, quote, not being able to
13 breathe can come from different things, usually from
14 the lungs itself, if something is obstructing your
15 ability to breathe or your exchange of oxygen somehow
16 in your body, but it can also come from the heart.
17 And, again, if your heart isn't pumping effectively,
18 you're having a cardiac arrhythmia, you're going to
19 decrease blood flow to your lungs, and that's going to
20 translate into a feeling of shortness of breath, you
21 can't catch your breath, you're not getting enough
22 oxygen into your body.

23 Q Okay. So in your report, when you talk about
24 the fact that he had the spit mask on and an asphyxial